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EXAMINER:

FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MESOPHASE PITCH BASED ACTIVE CARBON FIBER, MESOPHASE PITCH BASED ACTIVE CARBON FIBER AND ELECTRIC DOUBLE LAYER CAPACITOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached International Search Report and listed on the attached form PTO-1449. The listed references are of record in prior application Serial No. 09/554,931, filed May 22, 2000.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl.⁶ D01F9/14, 512

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl.⁶ D01F9/12-9/32

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP, 10-152311, A (Petoca K.K.), 09 June, 1998 (09.06.98), Full text (Family: none)	1-9
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